

Asarum canadense

Wild Ginger



Glossy heart-shaped leaves create a rich texture when grown in colonies. Look closely for the unusual flowers tucked beneath the leaves. A very effective and striking groundcover that spreads rapidly. Plants establish rapidly in loose, rich, organic soils. Moisture and shade are essential. Usually found in rich moist, deciduous woods.

Suggested Companions: cinnamon fern (*Osmunda cinnamomea*), cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*), nannyberry (*Viburnum lentago*).

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Plant Type: Wildflower

Size: 4-10" H
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Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:
Forested Upland

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist

Exposure: shade
filtered

Flower Color:
Brown
Purple

Bloom Time:
May

Other Attributes:
Fragrant

Plant in:

Groundcover: Yes